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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 28, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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